DOCUMENT RESUME

ED 399 085 PS 024 549

AUTHOR Erlbach, Arlene
TITLE The Families Book: True Stories about Real Kids and the People They Live with and Love.
REPORT NO ISBN-1-57542-002-3
PUB DATE 96
NOTE 120p.
AVAILABLE FROM Free Spirit Publishing, Inc., 400 First Avenue, N., Suite 616, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1730 ($12.95).
PUB TYPE Books (010) -- Guides - Non-Classroom Use (055)

EDRS PRICE Document Not Available from EDRS.
DESCRIPTORS *Activities; Adopted Children; Adoptive Parents; *Children; Divorce; *Family (Sociological Unit); Family History; Family Influence; Family Needs; Family Problems; Family Relationship; Family Role; Family Size; Family Structure; Fathers; Folk Culture; Grandparents; Group Homes; Home Management; Homosexuality; Intermarriage; Kinship; Minority Group Children; Minority Groups; Mothers; *Personal Narratives; Problem Solving; Remarriage; Siblings

ABSTRACT

Recognizing the great variety of families in which children live, this book for children in upper elementary grades and their parents and teachers illustrates that variety through children's personal narratives about their families and descriptions of family activities. Section 1, "Families," presents the narratives of children ages 8 to 18 years about their families and what makes them unique. Families represented include those with stepsiblings and stepparents, divorced or unmarried parents, parents with different religious beliefs or racial backgrounds, parents of the same gender, families with adopted children, families with relatives in other countries, family members with disabilities, families living in group homes, families with crises, families with several children, and families with several generations living together. Section 2, "You and Your Family," contains activities that children can do with their families, including making a family tree and family history scrapbook; preserving special moments in the family history by creating family timelines, quilts, photo sculptures, shadow boxes, and time capsules; identifying and developing family traditions; settling problems and making decisions at family meetings; and finding ways to maintain relationships with extended family members. A Family Tree Chart and a survey for children on family members concludes the book. (KDFB)

**********
* Reproductions supplied by EDRS are the best that can be made *
* from the original document. *
**********